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TAGS:PINS, CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA), (SMITH, KENNETH STEVEN),
(HUNTER, CARRIE)
SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

1. ROSENZWEIG, OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY, HAS BEEN IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH DR. HAMBURG. ROSENZWEIG SAID HAMBURG SEEMED TO BE OPTIMISTIC AND THINKS THERE MAY BE AN "IMPORTANT MEETING" NEXT WEEK IN KIGOMA (PRESUMABLY A REFERENCE TO BRYCESON'S ADDITIONAL MESSAGE TO PRP THROUGH "SECOND POSTMAN", DAR ES 2050). STANFORD WANTS BE ABLE ACT QUICKLY IF MEETING IS SET UP WITH PRP. THEY ARE CONSIDERING WHO MIGHT REPRESENT THEM AT ANY SUCH MEETING, AND THINK IT BETTER NOT TO HAVE UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL DIRECTLY INVOLVED (THUS EXCLUDING HAMBURG).

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2. ROSENZWEIG ASKED DEPT OFFICIAL IF WE THOUGHT THAT STEINER HAD LOST HIS USEFULNESS BECAUSE OF AMIN'S ACCUSATIONS AND FACT STEINER'S LAST NAME SAME AS THAT OF ROLF HEINZ STEINER. OFFICIAL RESPONDED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR US TO TELL, BUT WE WOULD ASK OUR EMBASSY FOR COMMENTS. FOR DAR AND BUJUMBURA: REQUEST COMMENTS ON THIS POINT TO PASS TO ROSENZWEIG.

3. IN ANY CASE, STANFORD THINKS OTHERS COULD BE USED IN ADDITION TO, OR IN LIEU OF, STEINER. ONE PERSON THEY ARE CONSIDERING IS BENOIT VERHAGEN, EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR TO GOZ, WHO IS ON LEAVE FROM HIS POST IN KINSHASA (REF STATE 130996). VERHAGEN SUPPOSEDLY HAS CLOSE TIES TO MOBUTU AND TO LEFTIST ELEMENTS IN ZAIRE AND HE IS PERSONALLY ANXIOUS TO BE HELPFUL. FOR KINSHASA: DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS AS TO WHETHER WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE OR DISCOURAGE GETTING VERHAGEN INTO THE ACT. KISSINGER

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